

Listing of the Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for applying multiplea set of operations for execution on a correspondingsingle file displayed on a graphical user interface, such that the set includes a plurality of different operations, the method comprising:

- associating a different operation with each of a plurality of active icon inputs;
- associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the plurality of active icon inputs for each of the different operations;
- selecting a first active icon input to apply a first operation to be executed on a displayed filethe-single file;
- selecting a file display for the displayed filesingle-files on a graphical user interface (GUI) to associate the selected first active icon input with the displayedsingle file;
- presenting a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation in a first portion of the file display of the displayedsingle file;
- selecting a second active icon input to apply a second operation to be executed on the displayedsingle file;
- reselecting the file display for the displayedsingle file to associate the selected second active icon input with the displayedsingle file; and
- presenting a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation in a second portion of the reselected file display of the displayedsingle file such that the first distinct visual feature is also being presented.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

- subsequently executing the first and second operations on the displayedsingle file, after the first and second distinct visual features are respectively displayed on the first and second portions of the file display of the displayed file and the first and second operations are confirmed for execution on the displayedsingle file.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the plurality of active icon inputs are selected by using an input device to click on active icons which are displayed on the GUI.

6. (Withdrawn) A method for removing sensitive files from a computer, the method comprising:
identifying a plurality of sensitive files on a computer;
highlighting all of the identified sensitive files with an identifying visual feature;
deleting the identified sensitive files; and
reformatting only areas on a disk drive, associated with a computer, that had stored the deleted sensitive files.

7. (Withdrawn) The method of claim 6, wherein only sensitive files that had been last edited before a pre-determined period of time are deleted.

8. (Currently Amended) A computer system for applying multiple a set of operations for execution on a correspondingsingle file displayed on a graphical user interface, such that the set includes a plurality of different operations, the system comprising:

a monitor for displaying a file display for a displayedsingle file in a graphical user interface (GUI);

a plurality of active icon inputs, each input being associated with a different operation to be applied to the displayedsingle file, each different operation being associated with a distinct visual display applied to the file display for the displayedsingle file; and

an input device for selecting the file display for the displayedsingle file in the GUI in a first instance after engaging a first active icon input and reselecting the file display for the displayedsingle file in a second subsequent instance after engaging a second active icon input from the plurality of active icon inputs.

wherein a first operation to be applied for execution on the displayedsingle file is associated with the first active icon input and a second operation to be applied for execution on the displayedsingle file is associated with the second active icon input, and

wherein a first portion of the file display of the displayedsingle file presents a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation, and wherein a second portion of the file display

of the displayed single file presents a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation, and

wherein a pre-determined hierarchy between the first operation and the second operation determines whether the first operation or the second operation will first be executed on the displayed file.

9. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 8, further comprising:
an execution unit for executing the first and second operations on the displayed single file according to a the pre-determined hierarchy of execution order for the first and second operations.

10. (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

11. (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.

12. (Original) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the plurality of inputs are selected icons on a graphical user interface (GUI).

13. (Currently Amended) The computer system of claim 8, wherein the displayed single file is a sensitive file selected for deletion.

14. (Previously Presented) The computer system of claim 13, wherein the sensitive file is erased from a hard disk on a computer by re-formatting only areas on the hard disk that had stored the sensitive file via multiple overwrites of those disk areas using opposing bit patterns..

15. (Currently Amended) A computer program product, residing on a computer storage medium, for applying a set of multiple operations for execution on a corresponding single file displayed on a graphical user interface, such that the set includes a plurality of different operations, the computer program product comprising:

computer program code for associating a different operation with each of a plurality of

active icon inputs;

computer program code for associating a distinct visual display feature with each of the plurality of active icon inputs for each of the plurality of operations;

computer program code for selecting a first active icon input to apply a first operation for execution on the single displayed file;

computer program code for selecting a file display for the displayed single file on a graphical user interface (GUI) to associate the selected first active icon input with the displayed single file;

computer program code for presenting a first distinct visual feature associated with the first operation in a first portion of the file display of the displayed single file;

computer program code for selecting a second active icon input to apply a second operation for execution on the displayed single file;

computer code for reselecting the file display for the displayed single file to associate the selected second active icon input with the displayed single file; and

computer program code for presenting a second distinct visual feature associated with the second operation in a second portion of the reselected file display of the displayed single file such that the first distinct visual feature is also being presented.

16. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 15, further comprising:

computer program code for executing the first and second operations on the displayed single file according to a pre-determined hierarchy of execution order for as between the first and second operations.

17. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the distinct visual features are color-coded.

18. (Original) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the distinct visual features are geometric patterns.

19. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the first and second files are both displayed file is a sensitive file files selected for deletion.

20. (Currently Amended) The computer program product of claim 15, wherein the plurality of active icon inputs are selected by using an input device to click on active icons which are displayed on the GUI.